

RECOGNITION OF THE 25TH ANNI-  
VERSARY OF LA COMUNIDAD  
NEWS

**HON. MARK POCAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. POCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize La Comunidad News and its founder and publisher, Rafael Viscarra on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Latino newspaper's publication. In the 2nd Congressional District of Wisconsin, we are fortunate to have such a longstanding newspaper focused on "helping, empowering and serving the Latino community," as its mission states.

The newspaper began when Rafael Viscarra and his son, Dante Viscarra, sought a way to keep our growing Latino community informed and participating in the community and the democratic system.

The newspaper was Madison's first Spanish-language newspaper, beginning publication under the name Spanish News/La Nación. Today it continues to celebrate Latino holidays and culture. It honors the achievements of community members, as well as connecting people within the Latino community and informing our broader community.

In its 25 years of publication, La Comunidad has been an important voice as the Latino population has grown from several thousand people to more than 30,000 residents from diverse nationalities in the newspaper's Dane County readership area.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize La Comunidad News for its service and contributions to our community.

IN HONOR OF ELIZABETH HILL  
MORROW'S PARTICIPATION IN  
THE 2015 UNITED STATES POLICE  
AND FIRE GAMES AND 2015  
WORLD POLICE AND FIRE  
GAMES

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Elizabeth Hill Morrow for her participation in the 2015 United States Police and Fire Games in San Diego, California and the 2015 World Police and Fire Games in Fairfax, Virginia.

Morrow, a Jacksonville State University Police Officer, participated in these two events by competing in a total of five individual events and received a total of five Gold Medals.

Elizabeth is a native of Randolph County, Alabama. She is a graduate of Handley High School in Roanoke, Alabama and a graduate of Troy University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Jacksonville State University with a Master's in Emergency Management. Elizabeth joined the Jacksonville State University Police Department in 2006. She and her husband Fred currently reside in the Jacksonville area.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Elizabeth on her accomplishments in the 2015 United States Police and Fire Games and the 2015 World Police and Fire Games.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, due to unavoidable travel delays, I missed two roll call votes. Had I been present for the vote on H.R. 985, the Concrete Masonry Products Research, Education, and Promotion Act of 2015, as amended (Roll Call No. 575), I would have voted "aye." This bill will allow concrete masonry producers to establish a "check-off" program at the Department of Commerce. This coordinated program will fund research, education and promotion to improve, maintain and develop markets for concrete masonry products.

Had I been present for the vote on H.R. 2669, the Anti-Spoofing Act (Roll Call No. 576), I would have voted "aye." This bill will extend the prohibition on transmitting inaccurate caller ID information to anyone located in the United States—including through Voice-over-Internet (VoIP) calls or text messages sent to mobile phones. Current law only covers voice calls.

PASSING MENTAL HEALTH  
REFORM

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of passing mental health reform in the Senate prior to the end of the 114th Congress. As the original lead democratic cosponsor of H.R. 2646, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act, I was proud to work on the legislation for three years as to see it pass the House in July.

As the days remaining in the 114th Congress dwindle, there is still a long list of unfinished business that Republicans in the House and the Senate must make a priority. Since the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act was bipartisan and passed the House with a vote of 422–2, mental health reform is something we can all agree on right now.

We can all agree that the severely mentally ill are largely untreated and undiagnosed in this country. We can all agree that the homeless and prison population are particularly vulnerable to mental illness, and that these are the individuals that get the least amount of attention and access to mental health services. We can all agree that unnecessary barriers exist between physicians and caregivers who only want to help their loved ones. We can all agree that there are not enough psychiatric hospital beds available for individuals experiencing a crisis. We can all agree that additional federal coordination is necessary to change and elevate these issues.

The need for change to how we operate our federal mental health system and how we treat patients with severe mental illness is now. Patients, families, and physicians cannot wait any longer. I urge my colleagues in the Senate to consider and pass mental health reform before the end of the 114th Congress. Our individuals with mental illness cannot afford to start over again.

INAUGURATION OF REBECCA  
KOENIG ROLOFF AS THE 11TH  
PRESIDENT OF ST. CATHERINE  
UNIVERSITY

**HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and congratulate Ms. ReBecca Koenig Roloff, who was inaugurated as the 11th President of St. Catherine University in Saint Paul, Minnesota on October 11, 2016. Throughout her career, Ms. Roloff has earned the respect of her peers and colleagues by her extraordinary leadership abilities, quickly rising through the ranks of every organization she has been a part of, and leaving legacies of success along the way.

The first time that ReBecca Roloff set foot on the campus of St. Catherine University, she was a teenage prospective student. Growing up in Dickinson, North Dakota, she had never met a female doctor, engineer, or lawyer. However, when she arrived at St. Kate's as it is known, she was astounded to see that the entire institution, from the administration to the professors, was led by highly educated professional women. The impact on Ms. Roloff was both immediate, and long lasting. She went on to graduate cum laude from St. Catherine University in 1976 and later earn a Master's of Business Administration with distinction from Harvard Business School in 1982.

Beginning her career as a grain merchant for Cargill, Ms. Roloff moved up to senior management positions at Pillsbury and later became senior vice president of Global Financial Advice and Systems at American Express Financial Advisors in Minneapolis. In this role she oversaw the \$90 million core business and transformed the sales systems used by over 10,000 advisors.

Ms. Roloff's success in business was coupled with a growing desire to serve in a position with a broader mission to impact the community. She was named Chief Executive Officer of the Minneapolis YWCA, a role where she would directly work to empower women and girls and achieve success by breaking down barriers of class and race.

Ms. Roloff's sharp business acumen, passion for social justice, and impressive credentials were qualities that put her at the top of a national search by the University of St. Catherine Board of Trustees when they were seeking the candidate to be named the 11th president. As an alumna of St. Kate's, Ms. Roloff deeply understands and embodies the institution's foundational principles of advancing women's education through the Catholic traditions of intellectual inquiry, social justice, and liberal arts. As a fellow alumna myself, I have no doubt that she will bring her deep passion, intelligence and leadership to this position. The faculty, staff, and especially students of St. Catherine University will benefit from her caring guidance and stewardship of the institution that thrust her on to the path that would eventually lead her back home.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ms. ReBecca Koenig Roloff, the 11th President of St. Catherine University in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

TRIBUTE TO OPERATION  
RECOGNITION CLASS OF 2016

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in proud recognition of the Operation Recognition Class of 2016. Operation Recognition is a program organized by the Riverside County Office of Education, with assistance from the Riverside County Department of Veteran's Services, that presents diplomas to residents of Riverside County who missed completing high school due to military service in World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War, or due to internment in WWII Japanese-American relocation camps.

Riverside County's Operation Recognition is modeled after programs implemented in other states. Numerous county offices of education and school districts throughout California operate similar programs. The programs are yet another way to express our appreciation and gratitude for the significant contributions and sacrifices made by our veterans.

The Operation Recognition Class of 2016 includes: John Danahy, Wildomar, US Army, Vietnam War; James Milton Hannibal, Temecula, US Air Force, Vietnam War; Leonard W. Heiselt, Murrieta, US Navy, Vietnam War; James William Hicks, Cherry Valley, US Army, Vietnam War; Alvin C. Horn, Moreno Valley, US Air Force, Korean War; Edward Patrick Mata, Riverside, US Army, World War II (posthumously); Robert Navarro, Riverside, US Army, Korean War; Walter Schedler, Murrieta, US Army, World War II; and Tony M. Tovar, Riverside, US Army, Korean War.

On behalf of all Riverside County residents and a grateful nation, I want to thank these veterans for their service to our country and congratulate them on being part of the Operation Recognition Class of 2016.

A TRIBUTE TO ERNIE SMITH IN  
THE SECOND SESSION OF THE  
114TH CONGRESS

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ernie Smith of Red Oak, Iowa, for being named by the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest active pilot in the world.

Ernie has been a licensed pilot since September 15, 1942. For the past 74 years, local friends have known that, if you cannot find Ernie nearby, he is probably up in the sky. In January 2016, Red Oak Airport Manager Kevin McGrew and other community leaders nominated him for the distinction of "oldest active pilot in the world." Later this spring, they videotaped a flight to authenticate his activity in the air. The official pronouncement from the Guinness Book of World Records came recently, confirming that Ernie Smith, 98, is officially "the oldest active pilot in the world," soaring beyond the previous record by five years.

Ernie told Omaha, Nebraska-based KMTV-TV last December why he likes to fly: "I say,

well, I don't know how to tell you, but you come out some morning before daylight and go out and watch that sun come up over the horizon and you'll have your answer." Ernie still flies in a rented plane, usually two times a week. He even braved foggy weather conditions to celebrate his 98th birthday in the sky last December.

Mr. Speaker, it is because of Iowans like Ernie that I'm proud to represent our great state in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating him for this outstanding accomplishment and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

RETIREMENT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL, MAJOR GENERAL ALLEN E. BREWER OF MISSISSIPPI

**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Allen E. Brewer, the Assistant Adjutant General of Mississippi, for his service in the National Guard. He will retire his time in uniform after 37 years of loyal service to Mississippi and the United States. Major General Brewer was appointed Assistant Adjutant General—Army, in October 2015. As the Assistant Adjutant General, he has guided the formulation, development and implementation of all programs and policies affecting the Mississippi Army National Guard and its nearly 10,000 Citizen Soldiers.

Beginning his service in July of 1979, Major General Brewer distinguished himself through exceptional meritorious service while performing in many positions of responsibility, culminating as The Assistant Adjutant General for the State of Mississippi. Major General Brewer demonstrated his professionalism, and a God-given gift for leadership while serving the Mississippi National Guard. He was selected as the Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations/G3 for the Mississippi National Guard. Due to his exceptional performance in readiness and planning, he was selected as Commander, Special Operations Detachment South where he was responsible for all aspects of a Special Operations Headquarters functions and commanded the unit during combat operations in Afghanistan in 2012.

During his command in Special Forces, Major General Brewer was requested by name to serve as the Land Component Commander for the 3RD Air Force—Blue Flag 10-1 exercise at Hurlburt Field, FL. His vast experience of producing results led to his election as national chairman for the Special Operations Advisory Committee.

Major General Brewer's exemplary service in positions of increasing responsibility led to his selection as the Director of the Joint Staff, Mississippi National Guard in July 2012 and a subsequent promotion to Brigadier General. Major General Brewer supervised and directed the Mississippi Army National Guard's accomplishment and management of budgets and resources for many of the major Army National Guard Programs. His service to the Adjutant General as an advisor and counsel for the development of Joint Strategic Plans and

Programs for Joint Training and Exercises was above reproach due to his extensive background during his career.

Receiving over 25 awards and honors in his time in the military, Major General Brewer's service in a myriad of positions was instrumental to the successes enjoyed by the Mississippi National Guard units during numerous combat deployments and domestic responses. He passionately displayed hard work and dedication focusing on providing ready Soldiers and units to the defense of the nation. Major General Brewer's service and accomplishments have had a positive and lasting impact on the Mississippi National Guard as well as the United States Army.

I would like to extend my best wishes to Major General Allen E. Brewer upon his retirement from the Mississippi National Guard and future endeavors and a heartfelt thank you to him and his family for their service to this nation, and our state.

A TRIBUTE TO JULIE WALTERS IN  
THE SECOND SESSION OF THE  
114TH CONGRESS

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Julie Walters, of Villisca, Iowa, for being selected as a 2016 Women Impacting the Land award recipient.

The Women Impacting the Land award showcases Iowa women for their contributions to managing farmland and livestock. Ms. Walters is a farmer in addition to serving as the Page County Clerk of Court for 31 years. She has participated in Annie's Project and Women Managing Cattle in 2010 and 2014. She is constantly learning about her family's cattle operation and making changes to improve their farm's productivity.

Mr. Speaker, the example set by Julie Walters demonstrates the rewards of harnessing one's talents and improving themselves and their business through education. Her efforts embody the Iowa spirit and I am honored to represent her in the United States Congress. I know all of my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives will join me in congratulating Julie for her achievements and wish her nothing but continued success.

COMMEMORATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF MANGOLD FORD IN EUREKA, IL

**HON. DARIN LAHOOD**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, November 14, 2016*

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commemorate Mike Mangold and Mangold Ford, in Eureka, Illinois, for 60 years of outstanding service to our community.

Charles and Mary Mangold first opened the doors of Mangold Ford in 1956 with the intention of providing quality service based on Christian principles. Because of their faith and acumen, their dealership now employs over